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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same numbers respectively:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A recording medium comprising:

a content data storage area which stores ~~at least one~~ a plurality of content groups conforming to an identical form and having a respective directory name;

a selector storage area which stores selector information of one directory name for designating one of said content groups; and

a retrieved-information storage area which stores information including a record address needed when a data reproducing device extracts said content group and said selector information.

Claim 2 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein

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said selector storage area further stores a content data list as a list of each content data contained in each content group stored in said content data storage area.

Claim 3 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein

each of the content groups stored in said content data storage area is brought into one-to-one correspondence with a user identifier for identifying an individual user, and

said selector storage area stores said user identifier as the selector information.

Claim 4 (Original): The recording medium according to claim 1, wherein

each of the content groups stored in said content data storage area is stored in a form conforming to an SD-AUDIO specification.

Claims 5-7 (Cancelled):

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Claim 8 (Currently amended): A data reproducing device comprising:

a slot into which a recording medium is inserted;

a selector acquiring section which acquires selector information of one directory name from a selector storage area of said recording medium inserted into said slot;

a selector updating section which changes the selector information acquired from said selector acquiring section, in conformity with a content group to be reproduced;

a content data acquiring section which acquires content data contained in each of content groups from the content data storage area of said recording medium; and

a content data reproducing section which reproduces the content data acquired by said content data acquiring section, wherein

said recording medium includes: a content data storage area which stores ~~at least one~~ a plurality of content groups conforming to an identical form and having a respective directory name; a selector storage area which stores selector information of one directory name for designating one of said content groups; and a retrieved-information storage area which stores information

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including a record address needed when the data reproducing device extracts said content group and said selector information.

Claim 9 (Cancelled):

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A data reproducing method for reproducing data stored in a content data storage area of a recording medium, includes the following steps of:

writing a directory name showing [[said]] content groups as selector information into [[said]] a selector storage area; and
extracting content data of each of the content groups selected by a selector from said content data storage area, and then reproducing the content data,

when said recording medium includes a content data storage area which stores ~~at least one~~ a plurality of content groups conforming to an identical form and having a respective directory name, a selector storage area which stores selector information of one directory name for designating one of said content groups, and a retrieved-information storage area which stores information including a record address needed when a data reproducing device extracts said content group and said selector information.

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Claim 11 (Currently amended): The data reproducing method according to claim 10, further includes the following steps of:

saving selector information of said recording medium temporarily when a user identifier is given by the user, and then updating the given user identifier as new selector information;

reproducing only content data of a content group corresponding to the given user identifier; and

rewriting said ~~retracted~~ saved selector information after the reproduction,

when each of the content groups stored in said content data storage area of said recording medium is brought into one-to-one correspondence with a user identifier for identifying an individual user and said user identifier is stored in said selector storage area as selector information.

Claims 12-13 (Cancelled):

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A data recording device for recording content data to a recording medium,

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wherein said recording medium includes: the content data storage area which stores ~~at least one~~ a plurality of content groups conforming to an identical form and having a respective directory name; a selector storage area which stores selector information of one directory name for designating one of said content groups; and a retrieved-information storage area which stores information including a record address needed when a data reproducing device extracts said content group and said selector information,

said data recording device comprising:

a slot into which said recording medium is inserted;

a selector updating section which acquires a selector from a selector storage area of said recording medium inserted into said slot and, also, updates said selector in conformity with a content group to be recorded;

a content data converting section which inputs content data and converts the inputted data into a content group including a file conforming to a specification of said recording medium; and

a content data recording section which records data of the content group in the content data storage area of said recording medium.

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Claim 15 (Cancelled):

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The data reproducing method according to claim 10, further comprising the steps of determining whether the selector in the recording medium is available by the data reproducing device, and changing a reproducing process based on a result of said step of determining so that a conventional data reproducing device having no selector acquiring section for reading information of the selector is capable of reproducing one of the content groups.